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- (1) International Publication No. WO 00/33390;
- (2) Japanese Patent No. 4239588; and
- (3) Japanese Patent No. 2002118292.

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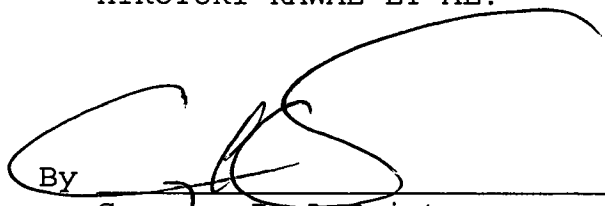
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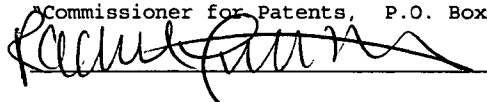
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